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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 5604th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Operation in Burundi pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

10.45 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Burundi

Other matters

Morning[1] . . . . . 5605th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. General issues relating to sanctions

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

3 p.m. . . . . 178th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 6

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General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007)

Identification of additional resources for the Development Account (A/61/282 and A/61/479)

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/61/525, A/61/525/Add.1, A/61/525/Add.2, A/61/525/Add.3, A/61/525/Add.3/Corr.1, A/61/525/Add.4, A/61/525/Add.5, A/61/357 and A/61/640)

Agenda item 125 (United Nations common system (A/61/30, A/61/381, A/61/484, A/60/723, A/60/30, A/60/30/Corr.1, A/59/263/Add.1, A/60/209, A/59/30 (Vol.II), A/59/153 and A/59/399))

Agenda item 126 (United Nations pension system (A/61/9, A/C.5/61/2 and A/61/545))

Agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/61/11, A/61/68, A/60/140, A/60/140/Corr.1, A/58/189, A/56/767 and A/C.5/61/11))

Agenda item 127 (Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/61/214 (Part 1), A/61/214 (Part 1)/Add.1, A/61/214 (Part 1)/Add.2, (A/61/61 and A/61/61/Add.1))

3 p.m. . . . . 36th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Organization of work

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [116]

   Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 . . . . . [117]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.18

3. Programme planning . . . . . [118]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.16

4. Joint Inspection Unit . . . . . [124]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.20

5. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian law committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible Genocide and Other Such Violations committee in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 . . . . . [129]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.13

6. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations ofInternational Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 . . . . . [130]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.14

7. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East . . . . . [144]

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.17

8. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields . . . . . [47]

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit . . . . . [113]

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [116]

Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 . . . . . [117]

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

Human resources management . . . . . [123]

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Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations . . . . . [132]

United Nations reform: measures and proposals . . . . . [149]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.5/61/L.15 and A/C.5/61/L.23

9. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields . . . . . [47]

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit . . . . . [113]

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Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara . [147]

United Nations reform: measures and proposals . . . . . [149]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.24

10. Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 . . . . . [117]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.19

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

4–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Draft reports
2. Administrative matters
3. Gender architecture for the United Nations

Other meetings

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Thursday, 21 December 2006

Arab Group

10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Asian Group (informal briefing on the working of the Security Council)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>

Thursday, 21 December 2006

Room S-226

11 a.m. H.E. Ms. Haya Rashed Al-Khalifa (Bahrain), President of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

1 p.m. . . . . Mr. Kemal Dervis, Chairman of the United Nations Development Group (on progress towards the Millennium Development Goals, trends in official development assistance and the need for inclusive economic growth)

3 p.m. . . . . Mr. Eric Schwartz, Deputy Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Tsunami Recovery (to launch the Post-Tsunami Lessons Learned Report)

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 22 December 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

3 p.m. . . . . 84th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies: draft resolution (A/61/L.51) . . . [157]

2. Report of the Credentials Committee (A/61/648) . . . . . [3 (b)]

3. 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa: draft resolution (A/61/L.50) . . . . . [48]

4. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support . . . . . [62]

   (a) New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support: draft resolution (A/61/L.23/Rev.1)

   (b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: draft resolution (A/61/L.41/Rev.1)

5. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft decision (A/61/L.52) [113]

6. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/61/443/Add.3, para. 70, draft resolution II) [67 (c)]

7. Report of the Human Rights Council: report of the Third Committee (A/61/448, para. 29, draft decision) [68]

8. Reports of the Fifth Committee

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 37th meeting on Friday, 22 December 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Informal briefing

The UNICEF Executive Board will hold an informal briefing on agenda item 8 of its 2007 first regular session (UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the biennium ended 31 December 2005 and the report of the Board of Auditors), on Monday, 8 January 2007, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session

The first regular session of the Executive Board will take place from 16 to 18 January 2007 in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2007/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_25993.html>.

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than *Friday, 5 January 2007*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF, UNDP/UNFPA and WFP

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA, with the participation of WFP, will be held on Friday, 19 January, and Monday, 22 January 2007, in Conference Room 2.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

First regular session 2007

The first regular session 2007 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Tuesday, 23 January, to Friday, 26 January 2007, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2007/L.1. Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA (fax 1 (212) 906-5634) as early as possible, but no later than *11 January 2007*. The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Tuesday, 9 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 19 January, and Monday, 22 January 2007, in Conference Room 2. According to decision 2006/14, the Board decided that prior to the convening of the joint meeting, the new Bureau should be selected, and therefore there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Thursday, 11 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

Other forthcoming meetings

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United Nations Development Programme (second informal consultation on the evaluation of UNDP support to conflit-affected countries)

Thursday, 4 January 2007, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

International Expert Group Meeting on the Convention on Biological Diversity's international regime on access and benefit-sharing and indigenous peoples' human rights (organized by the secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Wednesday, 17, to Friday 19 January 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[The meeting is closed. Member States wishing to attend this Expert Group Meeting are kindly requested to confirm their participation by *Wednesday, 10 January 2007*. For further information, please contact Ms. Sonia Smallacombe, secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (tel. 1 (917) 367-5066; fax 1 (917) 367-5102; e-mail smallacombe@un.org).]

Announcements

Preparations for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (26 February–9 March 2007), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child; and (b) Capacity-building on mainstreaming a gender perspective in the development, implementation and evaluation of national policies and programmes for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae, which outline the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the panel discussions. It is kindly requested that the information be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org; and/or volfova@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Monday, 8 January 2007*.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Tuesday, 5 December 2006, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 19 December 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

81st plenary meeting

Reports of the Third Committee

The Rapporteur of the Third Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 41, 60, 61, 63 to 68, 98, 99, 110 and 118.

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Third Committee which were before the Assembly.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/61/436) . . . . . [41]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions I to IV recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 21 of its report (A/61/436), as follows:

Draft resolution I (resolution 61/136)	Adopted
Draft resolution II (resolution 61/137)	Adopted
Draft resolution III (resolution 61/138)	Adopted
Draft resolution IV (resolution 61/139)	Adopted

The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made a statement in explanation of vote after adoption.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 41.

Social development: report of the Third Committee (A/61/437) . . . . . [60]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions I to III recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 22 of its report (A/61/437), as follows:

Draft resolution I (resolution 61/140)	Adopted
Draft resolution II (resolution 61/141)	Adopted
Draft resolution III (resolution 61/142)	Adopted

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 60.

Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/61/438) . . . . . [61]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions I to III recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 27 of its report and on the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 28 of the same report (A/61/438), as follows:

Draft resolution I (resolution 61/143)	Adopted
Draft resolution II (resolution 61/144)	Adopted
Draft resolution III (resolution 61/145)	Adopted

The General Assembly also took note of the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 28 of its report (A/61/438).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 61.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/61/439) . . . . . [63]

The representative of Uruguay made a statement on a point of order.

By 185 votes to 1, with no abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 20 of its report (A/61/439) (resolution 61/146).

The General Assembly also adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 21 of its report (A/61/439).

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in explanation of the vote after adoption.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 63.

Indigenous issues: report of the Third Committee (A/61/440) . . . . . [64]

The General Assembly took note of the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/61/440).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 64.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: report of the Third Committee (A/61/441) . . . . . [65]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions I to III recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 23 of its report (A/61/441), as follows:

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 61/147)	121	4	60
Draft resolution II (resolution 61/148)		Adopted	

Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 61/149)	179	2	4

The representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement) made a statement in explanation of vote after adoption.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 65.

Right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/61/442) [66]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions I to III recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 21 of its report (A/61/442), as follows:

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (resolution 61/150)		Adopted	
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 61/151)	127	51	7
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 61/152)	176	5	5

The General Assembly also adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 22 of its report (A/61/442).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 66.

Promotion and protection of human rights: report of the Third Committee (A/61/443) [67]

The General Assembly took note of the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/61/443).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 67.

Implementation of human rights instruments: report of the Third Committee (A/61/443/Add.1) . . . . . [67 (a)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/61/443/Add.1) (resolution 61/153).

The General Assembly decided to conclude this stage its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 67.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/61/443/Add.2) . . . . . [67 (b)]

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution VI.

The representative of Belarus made a statement in explanation of the vote after adoption.

The representative of Azerbaijan made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions I to XX recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 123 of its report (A/61/443/Add.2), as follows:

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 61/154)	112	7	64
Draft resolution II (resolution 61/155)		Adopted (as orally revised)	
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 61/156)	130	54	3
Draft resolution IV (resolution 61/157)		Adopted	
Draft resolution V (resolution 61/158)		Adopted	
Draft resolution VI (recorded vote) (resolution 61/159)	118	7	55
Draft resolution VII (recorded vote) (resolution 61/160)	124	56	4
Draft resolution VIII (resolution 61/161)		Adopted	
Draft resolution IX (recorded vote) (resolution 61/162)	122	4	58
Draft resolution X (recorded vote) (resolution 61/163)	184	1	0
Draft resolution XI (recorded vote) (resolution 61/164)	111	54	18
Draft resolution XII (resolution 61/165)		Adopted	
Draft resolution XIII (recorded vote) (resolution 61/166)	86	64	26
Draft resolution XIV (resolution 61/167)		Adopted	
Draft resolution XV (resolution 61/168)		Adopted	

Draft resolution XVI (recorded vote) (resolution 61/169)	134	53	0
Draft resolution XVII (recorded vote) (resolution 61/170)	131	54	0
Draft resolution XVIII (resolution 61/171)		Adopted	
Draft resolution XIX (resolution 61/172)		Adopted	
Draft resolution XX Operative paragraph 4 (recorded vote)	104	31	29
Draft resolution XX Operative paragraph 5 (b) (recorded vote)	105	30	30
Draft resolution XX Draft resolution as a whole (as amended) (recorded vote) (resolution 61/173)	137	0	43

Statements in explanation of the vote after adoption were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States, El Salvador, the Lao Democratic People's Republic, Jamaica, Grenada, the Niger and Brunei Darussalam.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 67.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/61/443/Add.3). . . . . . [67 (c)]

The President informed the General Assembly that action on draft resolution II would be postponed to a later date.

The representative of Belarus made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 99 votes to 21, with 56 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 70 of its report (A/61/443/Add.3) (resolution 61/174).

The representative of the Russian Federation moved on a point of order, under rule 74 of the rules of procedure, that no action be taken with respect to draft resolution III (A/61/443/Add.3).

The representatives of China, Cuba, the United States (also on behalf of the countries which aligned themselves with the statement) and Finland (on behalf of the European Union and those countries which aligned themselves with the statement) spoke in accordance with rule 74 of the rules of procedure.

By 67 votes to 79, with 32 abstentions (recorded vote), the motion for no action was not adopted.

By 72 votes to 32, with 69 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 70 of its report (A/61/443/Add.3) (resolution 61/175).

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran moved on a point of order, under rule 74 of the rules of procedure, that no action be taken with respect to draft resolution IV (A/61/443/Add.3).

The representatives of Pakistan, Zimbabwe, Canada (also on behalf of the countries which aligned themselves with the statement) and Finland (on behalf of the European Union and those countries which aligned themselves with the statement) spoke in accordance with rule 74 of the rules of procedure.

By 75 votes to 81, with 24 abstentions (recorded vote), the motion for no action was not adopted.

By 72 votes to 50, with 55 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 70 of its report (A/61/443/Add.3) (resolution 61/176).

Statements in explanation of the vote after adoption were made by the representatives of Japan, Finland (also on behalf of the countries which aligned themselves with the statement), Singapore, Colombia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Ukraine, Botswana, Pakistan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Uganda.

The representative of Belarus made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Programme of work

The General Assembly decided to extend the work of the Fifth Committee until Thursday, 21 December 2006.

Wednesday, 20 December 2006

Security Council

5600th meeting

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2006/56).

5601st meeting

Briefings by Chairmen of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Ambassador César Mayoral, Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda and of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities; Ambassador Ellen Margrethe Løj, Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism and of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia; Ambassador Adamantios Th. Vassilakis, Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire, of

the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan, and of the Security Council Informal Working Group on General Issues of Sanctions; Ambassador Kenzo Oshima, Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1636 (2005), of the Security Council Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions, and of the Security Council Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations; and Ambassador Tuvako N. Manongi, speaking on behalf of the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone.

5602nd meeting *The situation in Liberia*

Letter dated 13 December 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/976)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Liberia, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2006/1001, prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2006/1001) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2006/1001) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1731 (2006).

5603rd meeting *The situation in the Great Lakes region*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Canada, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Finland, and Rwanda, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Ibrahima Fall, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Liberata Mulamula, Executive Secretary of the Great Lakes Conference Secretariat.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Fall.

The Council heard a statement by Ms. Mulamula.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Japan, France, Denmark, Slovakia, the United States, Ghana, the United Kingdom, the Congo, Argentina, the Russian Federation, China, Peru and Greece, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Qatar.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Finland (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; and the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Moldova, which aligned themselves with this statement), the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Canada (speaking on behalf of the Canadian and Netherlands Co-Chairs of the Group of Friends of the Great Lakes Region) and Rwanda.

Mr. Fall provided clarifications in response to comments made.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2006/57).

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

82nd plenary meeting

Report of the Human Rights Council: report of the Third Committee (A/61/448, A/61/448/Corr.1(Arabic only) and A/61/448/Corr.2 (English only)) [68]

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution I recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 28 of its report (A/61/448) (resolution 61/177).

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

Statements after adoption were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and those countries whicht aligned themselves with the statement), France, Argentina, Chile, Japan, Honduras and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement on a point of order.

The representative of Japan made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The representative of Japan made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

By 85 votes to 0, with 89 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution II recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 28 of its report (A/61/448) (resolution 61/178).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 68.

Promotion and protection of human rights: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (A/61/443/Add.4) [67 (d)]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee (A/61/443/Add.4).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 67.

Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/61/444) [98]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions I to IV recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 25 of its report and on the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 26 of the same report (A/61/444), as follows:

Draft resolution I (resolution 61/179)	Adopted
Draft resolution II (resolution 61/180)	Adopted
Draft resolution III (resolution 61/181)	Adopted
Draft resolution IV (resolution 61/182)	Adopted

The General Assembly also took note of the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 26 of its report (A/61/444).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 98.

International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/61/445) [99]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/61/445) (resolution 61/183).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 99.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Third Committee (A/61/446) [110]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/61/446).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 110.

Programme planning: report of the Third Committee (A/61/447) [118]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/61/447).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 118.

83rd plenary meeting — The summary of the 83rd plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2006/246).

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

35th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.15 (A/C.5/61/17).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee

In the absence of speakers, the Chairman proposed an oral draft decision.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the oral draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [144]

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The Committee resumed its consideration of this sub-item and heard a statement by the representative of Nigeria, coordinator of the informal consultations on this sub-item, who apprised them of the results of the informal consultations.

In light of the statement by the representative of Nigeria the representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.17.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979

Objection to the reservations made by Brunei Darussalam upon accession: Austria (18 December 2006)[1]

Objection to the reservations made by Brunei Darussalam upon accession: Germany (19 December 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Objection to the reservations made by Brunei Darussalam upon accession: Ireland (19 December 2006)[1]

Objection to the reservations made by Oman upon accession: Ireland (19 December 2006)[1]

Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. New York, 15 December 1989

Signature: Argentina (20 December 2006)

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Ratification: Argentina (18 December 2006)[1]

Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards. New York, 10 June 1958

Accession: Bahamas (20 December 2006)[1]

Amendment to the Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas. Esbjerg, 22 August 2003

Acceptance: Denmark (19 December 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Niger
H.E. Mr. Aboubacar Ibrahim Abani

Asian States:
Malaysia
H.E. Mr. Hamidon Ali

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mr. Amir Muharemi
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Grenada
H.E. Ms. Ruth Elizabeth Rouse

Western European and other States:
Malta
H.E. Mr. Victor Camilleri

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A/61/422/Add.1/Corr.1	Item 53 (a) — Sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/422/Add.2	Item 53 (b) — Sustainable development: follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/422/Add.3	Item 53 (c) — Sustainable development: International Strategy for Disaster Reduction — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/422/Add.4	Item 53 (d) — Sustainable development: protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/423	Item 54 — Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]

A/61/426/Add.1 — Item 57 (a) — Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]

A/61/620–S/2006/949 — Items 13, 14, 47 and 100 — The situation in the Middle East — Question of Palestine — Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields — Measures to eliminate international terrorism — Letter dated 7 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/625/Rev.1 — Item 117 — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Establishment of the United Nations Register of Damage caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/ES-10/L.20/Rev.1 — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

A/61/634–S/2006/979 — Item 19 — Question of Cyprus — Letter dated 12 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/636–S/2006/980 — Item 80 — The rule of law at the national and international levels — Uniting our strengths: Enhancing United Nations support for the rule of law — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/637–S/2006/983 — Items 17 and 27 — The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan — Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development — Letter dated 13 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/424 — Item 55 — Globalization and interdependence — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]

A/61/638 — Items 96 and 108 (s) — Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization — Letter dated 13 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/640/Corr.1 — Item 117 — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A E S (only)]

A/61/644 — Item 151 — Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

A/61/647–S/2006/1000 — Items 13 and 14 — The situation in the Middle East — Question of Palestine — Identical letters dated 18 December 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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A/RES/61/14	Item 108 (m) — Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States [A C E F R S]
	Second Committee
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A/61/620-S/2006/949	Letter dated 7 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/634-S/2006/979	Letter dated 12 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/636–S/2006/980	Uniting our strengths: Enhancing United Nations support for the rule of law — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/637–S/2006/983	Letter dated 13 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2006/989	Letter dated 18 December 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/996	Argentina, Denmark, France, Greece, Japan, Peru, Russian Federation, Slovakia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/61/647–S/2006/1000	Identical letters dated 18 December 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
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